STATE OF ARIZONA

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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

In the Matter of

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Docket No. 8310

NATIONAL INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS. INC.; NATIONAL INSURANCE CONSULTANTS; ATLANTIC HEALTHCARE BENEFIT TRUST; NATIONAL ASSOCIATION) OF AMERICA"S WORKERS; UNITED HEALTHCARE BENEFITS TRUST; UNITED ASSOCIATION OF SMALL BUSINESS; UNITED HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTRATORS; UNITED SMALL BUSINESS INSURANCE AGENCY; UNITED HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA; NATIONAL MARKETING COMPANIES; FUNDED ADMINISTRATION CORPORATION; AMALGAMATED AMERICAN EMPLOYEES WELFARE FUND; AMALGAMATED WELFARE PLAN; AMERICAN FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF ARIZONA: AMERICAN FIDELITY TRUST; TRUSTEES OF UNITED HEALTH CARE BENEFITS TRUST; ALLIED WELFARE PLAN ADMINISTRATION; ALLIED WELFARE PLAN) ADMINISTRATORS; INTERNATIONAL DIVERSIFIED GROUP; T. U. &

ASSOCIATES; HAMEED ULLAH, a.k.a.

TONY ULLAH; NONNIE MARIA BRYAN;

ELIZABETH J. TAYLOR

ORDER OF CEASE AND DESIST

Respondents.

The Arizona Department of Insurance (the "Department") has received evidence that Respondent has transacted the business of insurance in the State of Arizona. Accordingly, the Director of Insurance (the "Director") makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and enters the following Order pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-401.02.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Director is charged with the enforcement of Title 20, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to insurance.

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- 2. Respondent National Investment Consultants, Inc. (NIC) is a foreign company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Virginia, with its principal place of business located at 3610 N. 44th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85018.
- 3. Respondent does not and did not at any material time hold a certificate of authority to transact the business of insurance in the State of Arizona.
- 4. Documents filed with the Department establish that from approximately April 4, 1992 through the present NIC markets, marketed and/or issued a plan which purported to be group health insurance coverage in the State of Arizona.
- NIC marketed a purported health insurance plan variously identified as and/or utilizing the following names: National Insurance Consultants, Atlantic Healthcare Benefit Trust, United Healthcare Benefits Trust, National Association of America's Workers, United Association of Small Business, United Health Insurance Administrators, United Small Business Insurance Agency, United Healthcare Association of America, National Marketing Companies, Funded Administration Corporation, Amalgamated American Employees Welfare Fund, Amalgamated Welfare Plan, American Fidelity Insurance Company of Arizona, American Fidelity Trust, Trustees of United Health Care Benefits Trust, International Diversified Group, Allied Welfare Plan Administrators, T.U. & Associates. NIC and these entities and/or dba's are not authorized to transact insurance in any state in the United States. NIC and these entities' and/or dba's principal place of business is 3610 N. 44th St., Phoenix, Arizona 85018.

- 6. These related entities and/or dba's do not and/or did not at any material time hold a certificate of authority to transact the business of insurance in the State of Arizona.
- 7. Respondents NIC and its related entities did solicit, induce and/or effectuate health insurance coverage, enter into preliminary negotiations, effectuate a contract for insurance, and/or transact matters subsequent to the effectuation of the insurance contract and/or arising out of the insurance contract for and/or with various individuals including but not limited to the following Arizona residents: Kenneth Linton of Casa Grande, Dennis G. Lindstrom of Mesa, Nancy General dba Nancy Gee of Scottsdale and Sally Jo Swaine of Scottsdale.
- 8. The solicitation, inducement and/or effectuation of the insurance contracts described above includes the procurement, preliminary negotiation, the taking or receiving of applications, the collection of premium, the payment of commissions, membership fees, dues or other consideration, the active marketing of the insurance to prospective policyholders, the quotations of premium rates, the providing applications forms, and/or the payment of insurance claims.
- 9. Respondent Hameed Ullah, aka Tony Ullah, is presently, and/or was at all times material to this matter, acted as signatory on the bank account of National Marketing Companies and is a principal of Respondents NIC, et al.
- 10. On and after April 4, 1992, Respondent Ullah participated directly and/or through agents, partners, and/or

associations, in the solicitation, inducement and/or effectuation of insurance contracts underwritten by carriers not authorized to transact health insurance in Arizona.

- 11. Respondent Nonnie Maria Bryan is presently, and/or was at all times material to this matter, a principal of Respondents NIC, et al, acted as signatory on various company bank accounts and/or aided Respondent Ullah in the solicitation, inducement, and/or effectuation of insurance contracts underwritten by insurance carriers not authorized to transact health insurance in Arizona.
- 12. On and after April 4, 1992, Respondent Bryan participated directly and/or through agents, partners, and/or associations, in the solicitation, inducement and/or effectuation of insurance contracts underwritten by carriers not authorized to transact health insurance in Arizona.
- 13. Respondent Elizabeth J. Taylor is presently, and/or was at all times material to this matter, a principal of Respondents NIC, et al, acted as signatory on various company bank accounts and aided Respondents Ullah and Bryan in the solicitation, inducement and/or effectuation of insurance contracts underwritten by insurance carriers not authorized to transact health insurance in Arizona.
- 14. On and after April 4, 1992, Respondent Taylor participated directly and/or through agents, partners, and/or associations, in the solicitation, inducement and/or effectuation of insurance contracts underwritten by carriers not authorized to transact health insurance in Arizona.

al, and/or each of them, did solicit, induce and/or transact matters subsequent to the effectuation of the insurance contract and/or arising out of the insurance contract for and/or with individuals including but not limited to the following Arizona residents: Kenneth Linton of CasaGrande; Dennis G.

Lindstrom of Mesa; Nancy General dba Nancy Gee of Scottsdale; Sally Jo Swaine of Scottsdale.

of the insurance contracts described above includes the procurement, preliminary negotiation, the taking or receiving of applications, the collection of premium, and/or payment of commissions, membership fees, dues or other consideration, active marketing of the insurance to prospective policyholders, the quotation of premium rates, providing application forms, and/or remitting the premiums to companies not authorized to transact insurance in the State of Arizona.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Director has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. The conduct of Respondent as described in the Findings of Fact above constitutes the transaction of insurance within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-106.
- 3. The conduct of Respondent as described above constitutes the unauthorized transaction of insurance within the meaning of A.R.S. §§ 20-106, 20-107 and 20-401.01.
- 4. The transaction of insurance by Respondent does not impair the validity of any act or contract of the Respondents.

- 5. Respondent is prohibited from maintaining any action in any court of this state to enforce any right, claim, or demand arising out of the transaction of the business of insurance until and unless Respondent obtains a certificate of authority as set forth in A.R.S. § 20-402.
- 6. If Respondent fails to pay any claim or loss within the provisions of the insurance contract issued by it, any person who acted directly or indirectly as an agent for or otherwise represented or aided Respondent in a solicitation, negotiation, procurement or effectuation of the insurance contract or renewal of the contract is liable to the insured for the full amount of the claim or loss in the manner provided by the provisions of the insurance contract as set forth in A.R.S. § 20-402(B).

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. That Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from the transaction of the business of insurance in the State of Arizona.
- 2. That Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from soliciting any insurance application, making or proposing to make any insurance contract, taking or receiving any application for insurance, taking or collecting any premium, commission, or any other consideration for any insurance contract, issuing or delivering contracts of insurance to residents of this State, or otherwise transacting insurance business from offices or by personnel or facilities located in the State of Arizona.

- 3. Respondent shall pay all valid claims arising out of acts covered by any and all insurance policies issued by Respondent to Arizona residents for so long as such claims may legally be brought by or against any insured.
- 4. Respondent shall, within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order, remit to the Department of Insurance of the State of Arizona any and all premium taxes applicable to the unauthorized insurance transacted in the State of Arizona and shall provide at the time of such submission an accounting acceptable to the Director of Insurance of the State of Arizona.
- 5. Respondent shall, within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order, remit to the Department of Insurance of the State of Arizona the costs of examination associated this proceeding in the following manner:
- 6. This Order shall become effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until otherwise stayed, modified, vacated or set aside.

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

Pursuant to Titles 20 and 41 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, Respondent is hereby notified that it may request a hearing pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-161 to contest the order to cease and desist. Such a request must be in writing and received at the following address within thirty (30) days from the date hereof:

Arizona Department of Insurance Hearing Division 2910 North 44th Street, Suite 210 Phoenix, Arizona 85018

1 Upon receipt of a timely written request for hearing, the 2 Director will issue a notice setting the time and place of the 3 hearing. DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 5 6 GALLINGER Director of Insurance 8 COPIES of the foregoing mailed/delivered 29th day of December, 1993, to: 9 National Investment Consultants, Inc. 10 Atlantic Healthcare Benefit Trust United Healthcare Benefits Trust, et al 11 3610 N. 44th Street, Suite 250 Phoenix, Arizona 85018 12 13 Sidney Davis, Esq. Assistant Attorney General Consumer Protection and Antitrust Section 14 1275 W. Washington Phoenix, Arizona 85007 15 Attorney for the Department of Insurance 16 Chris Herstam, Deputy Director Charles Cohen, Assistant Deputy Director 17 Sandra Lewis, Executive Assistant Gary A. Torticill, Assistant Director 18 Jay Rubin, Assistant Director Erin Haney, Division Manager 19 Department of Insurance 2910 North 44th Street, Suite 210 20 Phoenix, Arizona 85018 21 (CRU) 22 Chris Crawford 23 24 25

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